BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Prasar Bharati (Doordarshan) previews all its programmes before they are telecast on its network including DD-2 to ensure that they do not contain any excessive violence or vulgarity which may have adverse effect on the viewers. Private channels now uplinking from within the country are also required to adhere to the programme and advertisement codes. The programmes of foreign satellite channels are uplinked from outside the country and therefore, do not fall under the ambit of Indian laws, as of now, unless decoders are required for their reception.

(b) and (c) in view of (a), the questions do not arise. It is, however, possible that if excessive violence is shown, it could have an adverse effect. Suitable measures including one to bring all channels under the ambit of prescribed programme and advertisement code, are under consideration.

Setting up of Broadcasting Regulatory Authority

108. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Broadcasting Regulatory Authority in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government also propose to set up Prasar Bharati Corporation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government is yet to finalise the contents of the Bill which may provide for setting up of a Broadcasting Regulatory Authority.

(c) and (d) The Prasar Bharati Corporation was constituted on 23.11.97 with establishment of Prasar Bharati Board on the same date.

प्रसार भारती के अधिनियम के कारण दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी का विश्वसनीयता खोना

109. श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उन्होंने हाल ही में एक सार्वजनिक वक्तव्य दिया है कि प्रसार भारती के प्राधिकार के बारे में देश में सामान्य परिचर्चा की जानी चाहिए;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार प्रसार भारती के कामकाज से संतुष्ट नहीं है;

(ग) क्या प्रसार भारती बोर्ड अभी भी विवादों में घिरा है और इसके गठन के बाद भी दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी का प्रसारण विवाद ग्रस्त है और इसके कामकाज का स्तर संतोषजनक नहीं है;

(घ) क्या दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी ने अपनी विश्वसनीयता खो दी है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख्तार नकवी): (क) और (ख) इलैक्ट्रानिक मीडिया के बदलते परिदृश्य पर विचार करते हुए सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री ने सिर्फ सार्वजनिक प्रसारण को अधिक जवाबदेह एवं निष्पक्ष बनाने हेतु प्रसार भारती अधिनियम के मूल प्रावधानों पर चर्चा कराने की आवश्यकता की राय व्यक्त की है।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Terms and Conditions of CEO of Prasar Bharati

110. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati Selection Committee has sought clarifications from the Ministry on the C.E.O.'s terms and conditions so that the process of giving autonomy can be completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in giving reply to their questions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) and (b) The Selection Committee has, inter-alia, desired to know the service conditions of the Whole-time Members of the Prasar Bharati Board for the purpose of finalisation of selection. Inter-Departmental consultations are in progress to finalise the same.